will be Rs. 18 crores. Detailed cost estimafes for Bombay and Calcutta are being prepared.

The work of extension of the passenger reservation at Delhi will be completed by March, 1987. The phase 1 of computerised system at Calcutta and Bombay will be introduced by end of December, 1986.

**Payment to chemists by DTC**

1568. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 299 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th November, 1986 and state what are the reasons for which Delhi Chemists have not been paid about Rs. 12 crores claimed by them under the medical reimbursement scheme of the Delhi Transport Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): The exact amount payable against the pending bills of the Chemists can be assessed only after the investigations are completed.

**Japanese Encephalitis**

1569. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI M. VINCENT:

SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Japanese Encephalitis' is spreading in certain states in the country taking a heavy toll of life;

(b) if so, which states in the country are affected with the disease along with the number of deaths reported in each of these states so far; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to control the epidemic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) According to the latest information the following States have reported outbreak of Japanese Encephalitis with number of deaths occured during the current year :—

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| Assam | 385 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 367 |
| Bihar | 11 |
| Karnataka | 9 |
| Manipur | 5 |
| Tamilnadu | 28 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 533 |

(c) The following steps have been taken to contain the disease :—

1 Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme is regularly collecting and analysing the incidence reports from various States|Union Territories.

2. All the States/Union Territories have been requested to spray BHC|DDT in an area 2-3 Km. around a case whenever reported besides Malathion fogging|ULV spraying.

3. NIV, Pune, School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta, All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta and National Institute of Communicale Diseases, Delhi are involved in the programme for advice diagnosis of cases.